

**Stratham Conservation Commission
Meeting Minutes
Public Session
June 22, 2011**

Conservation Commission Members Present: Pat Elwell, Tim Copeland, Bob Keating, Dena Stern, Donna Jensen

Also present: Lincoln Daley; Theresa Walker, RCCD

Meeting Called to order @ 7:05 PM by Donna Jensen who was presiding as chair.

Theresa Walker of RCCD attended the meeting to present the newest NRI. She has highlighted in yellow any places that need corrections or changes or recommendations that have been added that need to be reviewed. The NRI needs to be reviewed by the PB as well. Since neither Pat nor Theresa can attend the next two PB meetings, they will plan on attending the 8/17 meeting and Lincoln will arrange this.

Theresa will be working on a proposal on behalf of the CC to request \$2500 in grant funding from the New England Grassroots Environmental Fund.

Theresa also provided a copy of the new PREP (Piscataqua Region Estuaries Partnership) project highlights and future plans publication. This publication includes information about the Stratham culvert restoration at the Stuart Farm.

She explained that the Rivers Management Protection Program may have funds available for river conservation. She suggested possibly enrolling the Winnicut River in the management program. Lincoln and the CC felt that this would be acceptable to the Town. At a later date, if this becomes a reality, Lincoln can provide a list of property owners who live near the Winnicut River who might be interested in sitting on the committee.

Pat moved, Tim seconded, accepting the May 25, 2011 meeting minutes with the change to add that motions all passed to accept meeting minutes. Motion passed.

Lincoln discussed the Bunker Hill development open space design. They are still working on interpretation of density bonuses and few changes have been made. They will have another meeting with the Planning Board to discuss more details before the design is finalized. The changes provided to the CC include a modified village green area by adding more landscaping and adding a cistern that is more blended in, slightly modified trail design and slope.

Timberland is looking to add parking spaces to its property on Domain Drive. The new spaces will not add any additional impervious surface since Timberland will be redesigning existing space

The Squamscott River and Exeter River have officially been designated under the Rivers Management Programs. The program is asking the Town of Stratham to provide some names of representatives who might be interested in participating on the advisory committee. Dena will ask head of Master Gardeners/Stewards program if she has any new participants that might be interested in participating on that committee. Pat will also

prepare a news release asking for any individuals interested in sitting on the committee if we do not hear of anyone interested from Dena's contacts.

The CC looked at the fire cistern site plan for West Road. Lincoln explained that the PB is still looking for more information before the plan is finalized.

Dredge and Fill application for the McGrail's at 14 Brown Ave. was reviewed. The application proposes to after-the-fact to mitigate impacts of wetlands impacts of approx. 14,000 sq feet of total impact of wetlands and buffers, with 4,000+ square feet of permanent impact. The land owner is proposing to mitigate by addressing stormwater runoff. Expired permit in 2008. The existing foundation was constructed after a building permit was issued by the Town of Stratham. After that, Terry Barnes, issued a cease and desist letter because it appeared on the 6 acre lot that the building was being placed in the wetlands on the property. It is unclear to the CC the order of how this situation occurred and would like to have more information directly from the applicant and the building inspector. Lincoln will ask Terry to attend the next CC meeting. Pat will ask the applicant or his representative to attend as well.

Bob moved to adjourn, Tim seconded. Motion passed.

Next regular meeting scheduled for 7 PM on Wednesday, July 13 at the Municipal Center.

Respectfully Submitted:

Patricia Elwell

Chair / Acting Secretary